

# **Advisory Council for the Education of Students with Disabilities**

## **Proposed Minutes**

**April 23, 2012**

**1252 Foster Avenue**

**Hardison Building Auditorium**

**Nashville, TN 37243**

### Members of Council in Attendance

Paula Brownyard, Chair

Dawn Bradley

Cynthia Cheshier, Vice-Chair

Kyle Hauth

Mary Johnson

Catherine Knowles

Shannon Taylor

Jim Topp

Janelle Glover

Jeff Finney

Samuel Cole

### Members Not in Attendance

Chip Fair

Chantal Hess-Taylor

Christine Lloyd-Burkes

Beulah Oldham

Darlene Walden

### State Employees in Attendance

Joseph E. Fisher, Assistant Commissioner

Kathleen Airhart, Deputy Commissioner

Bobbie Lussier, TDOE

Bill Wilson, Office of General Council

Karen Wilis, TDOE

Larry Greer, TDOE

### Visitors in Attendance

Lori Richardson, The Arc of Tennessee

Nancy Zambito, Jackson- Madison County

### Welcome

Paula Brownyard, Council Chair, Began the meeting by welcoming everyone and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Acceptance of Agenda**

The agenda was accepted without changes

### **Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2012 Meetings**

The minutes of the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted with changes. There was an attendance correction; Samuel Cole was in attendance at the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Report from the Chair**

The Council states that the Annual Special Education Conference was one of the best and Congratulates Special Education for that, and they look forward to next years conference.

The Council announced that they would like to send Jessica Harbison, an official “Thank You” for the job she did with the council.

The Council agrees to invite Commissioner Kevin Huffman to the next meeting. The July meeting will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Andrew Johnson Tower, downtown Nashville. This is so that they could accommodate the schedule for the Commissioner.

### **Department Updates**

State board will address Certificates vs. Special Education Diploma. Mr. Fisher announced that this is the last year for Special Education Diplomas.

Bill Wilson states that the council is to advise the department and the state board on special education matters. IEPs need to be written with testing accommodations included. Current IEPs should be amended to reflect the guidelines and allowable accommodation sent out by the Department of Assessment. Guidance needs to reflect the boundaries that testing company will allow, IDEA allows states to set guidelines, but the guidelines in place do not allow for this test SAT10.

Annual Report Draft, Council has not seen its response to goals.

Advisory Council Annual Report needs to be approved by council

Draft needs to be located and sent to council for approval.

### **Announcements**

Joseph E Fisher won the LRP 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Joleta Reynolds Award